

Qwest Teachers and Technology *Grant Application*

Proposal Deadline: Friday, November 7, 2008

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Background

The Qwest Foundation, in partnership with the South Dakota Department of Education has developed a competitive grant program to award South Dakota school teachers who use innovative technology in the classroom in order to improve the educational experience for students. These grants provide funding for pre K-12 classroom programs enabling the purchase of hardware, software, contracted services, and other technologies that target student achievement through technology integration in the classroom.

The Qwest Foundation's core principal is that investing in education provides lasting value for the future. The Qwest Foundation awards grants to community-based programs that generate high-impact and measurable results, focusing on pre K-12 education. South Dakota educators who are interested in applying for a grant from the Teachers and Technology program may submit a proposal by November 7, 2008, by postal mail or email attachment.

Important Dates and Logistical Information

- All application materials must be received electronically as an email attachment to erin.larsen@state.sd.us or be postmarked by Friday, November 7, 2008. Proposals postmarked or submitted electronically after this date will not be considered.
- Two conference calls will be held to cover grant procedures and to answer questions.
 - Thursday, October 23, 2008 3:00pm-4:00 pm CDT
 - Thursday, October 30, 2008 10:00am-11:00am CDT
- Please contact Erin Larsen at erin.larsen@state.sd.us or by phone at (605) 773.2533 to register for the conference calls or if you have any additional questions
- Awards will be announced after December 19, 2008

Please complete the following items:

- Proposal Form/Project Abstract
 - Please prepare a 250 word abstract describing the type of technology used, number of students impacted, collaborative partners, and subject areas addressed by your project
- Project Goals
 - Prepare a one-page description of your project goals. Indicate clearly the learning and skill development that will occur for both the students and the teacher as a result of their participation in the project.
- Project Narrative
 - Prepare up to a two-page project narrative that describes how your project will produce high-impact and measurable educational results. Please include how this project relates to your school district's technology plan and indicate how your project will align to the South Dakota Content Standards in the content area addressed by your program.
- Budget Narrative
 - Prepare a one-page budget narrative of what you are proposing to purchase and how this purchase will enhance your work with students.
- Qwest Teachers and Technology Assurance
 - Complete the attached one-page Qwest Teachers and Technology Assurance form.

Grant Guidelines

Eligibility

Applicants must be a pre K-12 grade teacher employed by a South Dakota public or private school district. Teachers are eligible for a maximum of one (1) Teachers and Technology grant. Priority will be given to teachers who are currently working in a school district located within a Qwest community (see Appendix A), but all public and private school teachers in South Dakota are encouraged to apply for the Teachers and Technology grant.

Maximum Grant Award Amount

\$2,500

Award Process

The Qwest Teachers and Technology grant requires grants be awarded through a competitive process. All proposals will be read and judged by a statewide committee comprised of pre K-12 educators, higher education faculty, and community members. The panel will determine award winners based on the criteria outlined in the application and enclosed scoring rubric.

Contact Information

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Qwest Teachers and Technology Proposal Form

Name: _____

Project Title: _____

School District: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Project Abstract: Please prepare a 250-word abstract describing the type of technology used, number of students impacted, collaborative partners involved, and subject area addressed by your project.

Project Goals: Please prepare a one-page narrative description of your project goals. Indicate clearly the learning and skill development that will occur for both the students and the teacher as a result of their participation in the project.

Project Narrative: Please prepare up to a two-page project narrative that describes how your project will produce high-impact and measurable educational results. Include how this project relates to your school district's technology plan and the area addressed by your program. Please include a timeline that identifies specific implementation activities, milestones, and goals of the first year and follow-up activities planned for the second year.

Budget Narrative: Please prepare a one-page budget narrative of what you are proposing to purchase and how this purchase will enhance your work with students.

Qwest Teachers and Technology Grant Application Scoring Rubric*

Grant Applicant Name: _____

Grant Requirements	Exceeds Requirements (3)	Meets Requirements (2)	Near Requirements (1)	Below Requirements (0)	Score (0-3)
The proposal contains a clear description of what the proposed project is and how it will be implemented by the teacher.					
The proposal contains a clear description of how the project will achieve the two goals of this grant program.					
The project will take a significant step toward changing and improving the way the teacher and students use technology resources to achieve learning outcomes.					
The project contains a clear description of what the roles are for the teacher, students, and others in the proposed project.					
The project contains a timeline that identifies specific implementation activities, milestones, and goals of the first year and follow-up activities planned for the second year.					
The project demonstrates a high potential for student success.					
The grant application includes a completed Proposal Form and Assurance Form. Yes=2 points No=0 points	—		—		
The budget is complete. Yes=2 points No=0 points	—		—		
The school district is associated with a Qwest Community. (Appendix A) Yes = 2 points No = 0 points	—		—		
Total Score					

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Appendix A

Qwest Communities

Aberdeen
Arlington
Belle Fourche
Black Hawk
Canton
Cavour
Chamberlain
Colman
Deadwood
DeSmet
Elk Point
Ellsworth AFB
Flandreau
Fort Pierre
Harrisburg
Hill City
Huron
Iroquois
Lake Preston
Lead
Madison

McIntosh
Milbank
Miller
Mitchell
Morristown
Pierre
Rapid City
Rapid Valley
Redfield
Sioux Falls
Spearfish
Sturgis
Tea
Timber Lake
Vermillion
Volga
Warwick
Watertown
Whitewood
Yankton

Appendix B
Qwest Teachers and Technology Assurance

Project Title:_____

Amount of Request:_____

School District Name:_____

School Address:_____

I certify that if I receive a Qwest Teachers and Technology and Education Grant,

- I agree to complete the project as described in my proposal
- I will agree to submit a report on the expenditure of funds as well as a narrative detailing how the goals of my project were met through this award

Project Teacher Name (printed):_____

Project Teacher Signature:_____

Principal Name (printed):_____

Principal Signature:_____